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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRG: WE'RE ALRIGHT TOO, JACQUES

A SENIOR, AUTHORITATIVE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY BONN THAT HE SEES FRANCE'S "I'M ALRIGHT, JACK" ATTITUDE OPEN TO MARGINAL CHANGE IN THE FUTURE. UP TO NOW, THE FRENCH POLICY OF "LIMITED PURPOSES," INCLUDING USE OF ITS EC VETO, HAS WORKED WELL IN MAINTAINING FRENCH INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, INCREASED PRESS CRITICISM OF FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY, CONCERN OVER US-USSR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, APPREHENSION ABOUT MBFR, AND FRENCH AWARENESS OF THE FRG'S WILLINGNESS NOW TO STAND UP TO THE FRENCH BILATERALLY AND IN THE EC ARE APPARENTLY RESULTING IN SOME MARGINAL FLEXIBILITY IN FRENCH POLICY AND IN A REVIEW OF FRENCH FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY GOALS. (SECRET) BONN 10648, 7/26

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2. WALDHEIM'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP

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ISRAEL'S UN AMBASSADOR TEKOAH CALLED AMBASSADOR SCALI FOLLOWING THE US VETO OF THE MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION

AND SAID THAT UN SYG WALDHEIM CONTACTED HIM RIGHT AFTER THE VOTE AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP ANY TIME. TEKOAH SAID HE TOLD WALDHEIM THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE A FORMAL INVITATION, AND INFORMED SCALI THE ISRAELIS WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE US ON THE SCENARIO. TEKOAH WAS CONFIDENT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD STILL WELCOME WALDHEIM'S TRIP AND SEEK TO BUILD IT UP AS A NEW DRAMATIC ELEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2700, 7/26.

3. AFGHAN ASSESSMENT

IN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, EMBASSY KABUL STATES THAT THERE IS STILL NO HARD INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SPECULATION OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP, NOR WILL THERE NECESSARILY BE ANY GREATER SOVIET INFLUENCE UNDER THE NEW REGIME. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES A CONTINUED STRONG US PRESENCE, USING AID AS AN INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE MODERATION AND REGIONAL STABILITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) KABUL 5540, 7/26.

4. THAI SEEK ARMS TO REPLACE FOREIGN TROOPS

IN A RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE, THAI PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN CALLED FOR A PROGRAM UNDER SEATO AUSPICES TO REPLACE FOREIGN TROOPS IN THAILAND WITH INCREASED ARMS DELIVERIES TO ENABLE THE THAI THEMSELVES TO CONFRONT COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. (UNCLASSIFIED) BANGKOK 11492, 7/26.

5. EC COMMISSION FORWARDS OIL PROPOSALS

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TO THE COUNCIL PROPOSALS ON PETROLEUM SUBJECTS, AND OUR MISSION CONFIRMED IN A TALK WITH AN OFFICIAL INVOLVED THAT THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS ON "EXPLORATORY CONTACTS REGARDING THE DEVELOPING OF COOPERATION WITH THE COMMUNITY." THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT NO PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS WERE CONTEMPLATED, EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE EC'S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY, AND THAT ANY AGREEMENTS WOULD ONLY PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE OIL COMPANIES AND THE PRODUCING GOVERNMENTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 4288, 7/26.

6. EC-COMECON TALKS?

USEC BRUSSELS REPORTS IT HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE CONFIRMATION OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER THORN SAID IN MOSCOW THAT THE COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO START TALKS WITH HIS COMMON MARKET COUNTERPART. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 4290, 7/26. ROGERS

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